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Dear Congressman Gephardt:

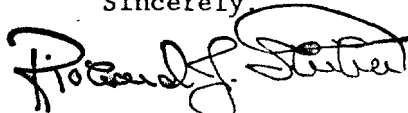
This is in reply to your letter of February 19, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituents' letters will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Shiben  
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division  
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*see back page!*

**FEB 25 1993**

Dear Congressman:

I have spent many years of enjoyment constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I belong to several local clubs whose members share a common interest. Between the building tools, airplane kits, radios, engines, finishing materials, all add up to a large investment. Joy abounds by the camaraderie that develops between father and son or daughter, grandfather and grandchildren by building and operating their model together. Kids sharing the hobby with an adult, learn how to use their hands and minds. Kids in R/C hobby aren't gang members!

I am very concerned about what has been proposed by the Federal Communications Commission. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for radio control model usage. It will increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio controlled frequencies are in the 72/76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. Presently our radio-control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we co-exist by not interfering with one another.

The Notice Of Proposed Rule Making (NOPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows safe use of radio controlled aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies available to us, eradicating safe use of at least 31 of 50 channels on the 72 Mhz band for R/C aircraft and, 10 of 30 frequencies on the 75 Mhz band for R/C cars and boats.

In supervised R/C model operation safety is paramount, for the spectators, operators, and property. Coordination of radio frequencies used simultaneously dictates our safety control and are strictly observed. Reduction of frequencies increases chances of accidents due to adjacent channel interference.

I think its unfair for the FCC to consider expanding the operations of land mobile radio users at the expense of the radio control modelers. The FCC must think we are not as worthy of radio frequency usage as the user of business radio. As individuals our power is how we vote, as an industry we contribute a sizable income to our nation. None of what we do contributes to the sales of drugs or the delinquency of children. The mobile communications industry can't say that. Is this going to be another scenario of the big guy and his paid lobbyist wins again? I hope not because I have faith in you that's why I'm appealing to you for your help

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72/76 Mhz band. We need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it may become more difficult to avoid halting these proposals from going into effect.

Cordially,

George R. Barrett  
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I know this is a form letter but I totally believe in it,

I am 67 yrs old, I am a licensed private and instrument pilot but I don't own an aircraft anymore!

Thank God, I am in very good health and I enjoy my hobby of building and flying models

I thank you!